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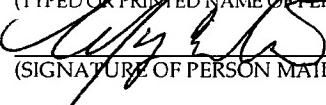


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2005, the time for response extending to July 26, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the existing rejection in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks below.